

REMARKS

Claims 1- 26 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 8-14 are currently withdrawn.

Applicant submits that claim 6 is patentable because U.S. Patent No. 3,788,180 (hereinafter, "Potsch") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,275,631 (hereinafter, "Wingen") fail to disclose a slitter blade assembly wherein the irregularities include plural periodicity.

On the Continuation page of the Advisory Action, the Examiner essentially states that knife members 13 may have an irregularity that is perpendicular to the rotational axis. The Wingen discloses the possibility of knife members 13 being **tilted** with respect to the axial key 9 since the central mounting hole of knife 13 may not be perfectly perpendicular to the flat end faces of knife 13. See col. 4, lines 3-14.

Assuming *arguendo*, that the Examiner is arguing that a rotating and "tilted" knife member 13, may result in a cutting edge of the knife member 13 having a sinusoidally varying height above the surface of the axial key 9 in a direction that is perpendicular to the rotational axis and extends out from the rotational axis, Applicant submits that such sinusoidal variation in height would be of only **one** period. In contrast, claim 6 recites a slitter blade assembly wherein the irregularities include **plural** periodicity.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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